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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



Luke 3:3

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

DEC 8

2024

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today's Readings

First Reading:

"For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship."
(Bar 5:3-4)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
(Ps 126)

Second Reading:

So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.

(Phil 1:10-11)

Gospel:

"The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

(Lk 3:5-6)

“...that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 1:10

Dear Friends,

We are treated today to St. Paul's beautiful words written to the Church of Philippi:

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."
Phil 1:6.

The day of Christ Jesus refers to the end times – the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of the world, when He will gather his righteous ones, and present them to His Father. Paul's desire for the Philippians – and for us - is, "that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."

What is righteousness? The simplest understanding of the word is being in right relationship with God. This Advent season, in which we look forward to the second coming of the Lord, is a graced time to prepare for this.

Here at our parish we offer some additional opportunities for encountering Jesus: daily Masses added at noon each day Monday through Friday, confessions at our regular times, and in addition, the multi-parish confessions listed elsewhere in the bulletin, and perpetual adoration in our beautiful chapel.

Please take advantage of these opportunities to grow in right relationship with our loving God.

Thanks to all who are working so hard to make our preparation for the Lord's coming so meaningful and beautiful.

Advent blessings to all.

Fr. Ed

P.S. December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation and the patronal feast of both the Archdiocese of Chicago and the United States of America. The feast has been transferred to Monday, Dec. 9 for this year because it falls on the Second Sunday of Advent. Masses will be offered at 7:30 am, noon, and 7:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas

at St. James

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Church: 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight

Gym: 3:15 pm Angels & Shepherds Family Mass

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Church: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

12.18.24 | 7:00PM

ADVENT TAIZE WORSHIP

NIGHT FEVER

INVITE IGNITE PRAY

a night of invitation for those in your life
seeking to reconnect with God



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Multi-Parish Reconciliation

Dec. 9-12

Monday, December 9 – 7 p.m.
Our Lady of the Wayside

Tuesday, December 10 – 3 p.m.
St. Clare of Assisi at St. Colette

Tuesday, December 10 – 7 p.m.
St. Mary

Wednesday, December 11 – 7 p.m.
St. James

Thursday, December 12 – 3 p.m.
St. Edna

THE MULTI-PARISH MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

A Mass for those struggling during the holidays due to grief, loss,
anxiety, depression or loneliness.

Our celebrant, Fr. Michael Grzesik will provide a spiritual
perspective offering comfort and hope for all this holiday season.

A MASS FOR

Comfort and Joy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30PM | ST. JAMES CHURCH
DINNER TO FOLLOW

RSVP for dinner (by Tues. 12.18) to:
mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org
847-253-5390



SERVE THE KING OF KINGS

Altar Server Training

Tue. Jan. 7 at 4:00 - 5:30 pm



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**DO YOU HAVE TANGLES
OF OLD AND
BROKEN CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS TO THROW
AWAY?**

JUNIOR AMBASSADORS CHRISTMAS LIGHT COLLECTION

**SAT. & SUN, DEC. 7-8
AFTER ALL MASSES**

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St. James Parish kids are collecting your old Christmas lights. Don't toss those lights; bring them to Mass and we'll recycle them!

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



BY GOLLY • BE JOLLY Meet Santa

December 13 | 5-7pm
@ St. James School
photos • crafts • and fun

We are collecting new unwrapped
toys supporting Toys for Tots



VOLUNTEER



REGISTER



ST. JAMES CHILDREN'S FORMATION INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

DECEMBER 17, 2024
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ST. JAMES PARISH CENTER



PLEASE
REGISTER
TO ATTEND



Over 50 Group

Christmas Luncheon

Location: Schwaben Athletic Club (Grove Banquets) 301 Weiland Road, Buffalo Grove

Date: December 19 at 12:30 (doors open at 11:00)

Menu: Noel Salad, Roast Pork & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttermilk Fried Chicken, Vegetable Medley, Roll & Butter, Mrs. Claus' Sweet Table & Coffee

(Cash Bar Available)

Christmas Music and Sing Along

Cost: \$25

RSVP: Frank (847) 398-2233 or stjamesclub@yahoo.com

Deadline for Reservations: December 15

Payment by check made out to St. James Church with Over 50 Lunch in memo section, and dropped off at the parish office.



SAINT JAMES PARISH
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

CALLING ALL CHILDREN
OF ST. JAMES: GRADES K-5

ANGELS & SHEPHERDS MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE 2024

3:15 PM - PARISH CENTER

Please register each child participating.
Open to the first 50 registrations! Sign up soon!

A required rehearsal will be held
Sunday, Dec 22nd, 12:30PM-1:30PM
in the Parish Center.



Register here!

Questions???
Contact-Bethany Larson
blarson@stjamesah.org



Retired Men's Group Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

9:45 a.m.

Senior/Teen Room
(L.L. of Church)

We will hear about St. Peter and St. Paul's
missions.

Tom Adam 847-394-4731





Christmas
Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, December 11

11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Laramie Room

Speaker - Fr. Michael Grzesik

RSVP to Carly by Tuesday, December 10th

cwhite@stjamesah.org | 224-345-7213



Peace & Justice Ministry Invites You

Members of the St. James Peace & Justice Ministry recently visited Partners for Our Communities (POC) in Palatine. They welcome volunteers –individuals or groups.

Endeavor Health Northwest Community Hospital partners with the not-for-profit organization POC. POC empowers underserved people to develop self-sufficiency and become leaders in their communities. POC partners with 40+ community and religious organizations, schools and businesses.

The POC building, on Rand Road in Palatine, provides a food pantry, clothing closet, education and literacy services, health and wellness resources and legal and social services.

Volunteer Opportunities:

ICompete reaches out to youth and families living in the NE quadrant of Palatine. The mission of ICompete is to introduce underserved families to athletics, arts, and academics through outreach, after-school programs, special events and summer camps.

Clothing Closet assists with providing clothing and basic needs. Volunteers and local community groups needed to help manage the closet on days when families are shopping and to help hang and sort donations. Volunteers 14+ needed.

Faith Feeds Food Pantry has Weekend and Weekday opportunities available.

Adult Learning Lab offers ESL conversational groups and 1:1 client tutoring.

GO TO WWW.POC.NEWS AND CLICK THE SUPPORT TAB FOR MORE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION.

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the hungry,
this December



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12.09.24

the
*immaculate
conception*
of the blessed
virgin mary

Masses at 7:30 am, Noon, 7:00 pm

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WE WANT

YOUR
FEEDBACK

ON
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Please take a few minutes to
answer 8 questions to help
make next year's event
the best yet!



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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

In Loving Memory

Anne Frankiewicz

Please pray for our sick

Wes Stephen
Marty Galis
David Loch
Norine Naselli

Recent Baptisms

Shea Isabella Considine, child of
Sean Considine and Emily (Leazer) Considine

Theodore Henry Johanneson, child of
John Johanneson and Alexandra (Bertram) Johanneson

Rose for Life

The Helminski family in loving memory of their son and brother, Jeffrey, on the 22nd anniversary of his death.

Celebrant Schedule, Dec. 14-15

5:00 Fr. Michael
7:00 Fr. Ed
8:30 Fr. Ed
10:00 Fr. Paul
11:30 Fr. Paul
5:00 Fr. Michael

Readings for the Week of December 8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 /Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 7

5:00 Kay Hastings
Marcin Bukowski
Vita Coppola

Sun., Dec. 8 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 James Burke
10:00 Ed Cahill
Bob & Andy Jarosz
Don Demski
Kelly Drumm
11:30 For the people of the parish
5:00 Cindy Gallagher

Mon., Dec. 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 John Kordek
Terry Leonard
Leonides Rodriguez
Russell Werba
12:00 Winnie Coffey
Blanche & Dan Keogh
7:00 Linda Sowa

Tues., Dec. 10 Our Lady of Loreto

7:30 Mary & Frank Trunk
12:00 Helen & Maury Healy
Don Demski

Wed., Dec. 11 St. Damasus I, Pope

7:30 Jim Burke (1st Anniv.)
Gina Pellegrini-Hammond

Thu., Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 Houlihan & Moran Families
Bedelia Brandt (1st Anniv.)
Gertrude Pietrolonardo
Sue Ferrini
Meggan McDermott

Fri., Dec. 13 St. Lucy

7:30 Linda Mackey
John Velasco (3rd Anniv.)
12:00 Kelly Drumm

Sat., Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross

PARISH INFORMATION

Thank you, St. James Community, for your contributions during November, 2024.

Sunday Collections →	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
	\$174,408.00	\$191,029.46	\$16,621.46
		<i>Envelopes: \$101,398.09</i>	
		<i>Online Giving: \$89,631.37</i>	
Holy Day Collections →	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
	\$2,500.00	\$5,895.01	\$3,395.01
		<i>Envelopes: \$4,855.01</i>	
		<i>Online Giving: \$1,040.00</i>	

SELECT PARISH MINISTRIES

Earth Shepherds provides opportunities to learn about the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation. sjearthshepherds@gmail.com

Grief Support Ministry is about overcoming your grief. Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? We meet twice per month. Please email the address below for more details. griefsupport@stjamesah.org

Loaves and Fishes Ministry provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood. stjameslandf@gmail.com

Men of St. James provides opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for men of the parish at least 21 years of age. msj@stjamesah.org

Ministers of Care bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes or are in care homes. Ministry volunteers must complete a mandatory training session and follow Archdiocesan guidelines. ministryofcare@stjamesah.org

Moms Plus provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James. momsplus@stjamesah.org

Music Ministry We strive to create music that is rich with quality, enthusiasm, and participation. Join one of our ensembles to be part of our musical community. tconseur@stjamesah.org

PADS Outreach provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused. st.james.pads@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit. PPC@stjamesah.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry creates a wide variety of shawls for anyone in need of prayers or blessings. We pray as we knit or crochet, and meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to bless the fruits of our labors. prayershawlministry@stjamesah.org

Respect Life Ministry strives to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death. mschoney@astound.net

Stepping Stones raises awareness, promotes understanding and prevents relational violence by educating communities and providing referrals to victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. (IL Domestic Violence Helpline: 877-863-6338), steppingstones@stjamesah.org

St. Vincent de Paul provides emergency, short-term financial help for anyone living within the parish boundaries. For information on volunteering for or using this service, call the Parish Office followed by x8517. Please leave a message and one of our volunteers will call you back. All requests kept confidential.

Women of St. James provides support to Catholic women who are committed to growing and sharing their faith through sisterhood and service. wosjministryleads@gmail.com

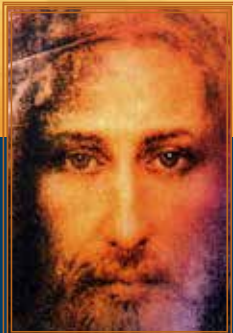


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July 16 - 30, 2025 (15 days)



Fr. Paul Stein will be our spiritual chaplain for this pilgrimage. He is currently the associate pastor at St. James Church in Arlington Heights, IL.

GENERAL ITINERARY (Mass each day)

- July 16:** Depart Chicago
- July 17:** Arrive Rome, visit St. Paul Outside the Walls, Tre-Fountain, Our Lady of Revelation, overnight Rome thru July 22.
- July 18:** Visit St. Peters Basilica, St. Peter's Square, Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, free time.
- July 19:** Visit the Mamertine Prison, the Colosseum, SanPietro in Vincoli, San Luigi dei Francesi, San Cecilia in Trastevere, San Bartolomero all'Isola and more.
- July 20:** Visit Catacombs, Sunday Angelus with Pope Francis, St. John Lateran, the Church of the Holy Stairs, Church of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.
- July 21:** Visit Santa Maria Maggiore, the Pantheon, then free.
- July 22:** Depart Rome, Monte Cassino, St. Michael's Cave, overnight San Giovanni Rotondo.
- July 23:** Visit San Giovanni Rotondo, (Padre Pio), Eucharistic Miracle at Lanciano, visit the Holy House of Loreto, overnight Assisi 2 nights.
- July 24:** Day in Assisi, visit Basilica of St. Francis, San Damiano, Basilica of St. Clare, the Portiuncula, and Saint Mary Minerva.
- July 25:** Free day in Assisi and then in the evening, overnight Ferry from Ancona to Split.
- July 26-29:** Medjugorje: Attend Mass at St. James Church, visit Hill of Apparitions, Mt. Krizevac, attend talks and testimonies, and Eucharistic Adoration! Overnight Medjugorje thru July 30.
- July 30:** Return Chicago

TO SIGN UP:

Send in a check (\$1400 deposit, due Dec. 20th) with your name, phone, email and address with a photo copy of passport page to: **In Your Name Lord Pilgrimages**
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Feel free to call Garrett or Margaret with any questions at: **773-790-3164**

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Beyond Sunday
Worship
with us during the week

Advent Daily Mass
Monday - Saturday at 7:30am
Monday - Friday at Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble
Sunday 7:00 am Cantor and Organ
Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Choir & Organ
Sunday 10:00 am Contemporary Choir
Sunday 11:30 am Contemporary Choir
Sunday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday, 7:30 am
Monday - Friday at Noon (*during Advent*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

Baptism - Please call the Parish Office with preferred date at least one month in advance.

Marriage - At least six months prior to your wedding date, please contact the Parish Office about setting a date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - in the church

Thursday – 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday – 8:00 - 9:00 am following daily Mass

Holy Hour - Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the church for procession of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, rosary

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel open to the public M-F 6:30 am - 8:30 pm; Sat & Sun 6:30 am - 6:30 pm or 24 hours a day for those with access code.

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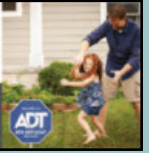


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